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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC. UK
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPULSION FROM UK OF PHILIP AGEE
AND MARK HOSENBALL

REF: (A) STATE 73616, (B) STATE 45806

1. THE PRESS REPORTED APRIL 6 THAT HOSENBALL LODGED NOTICE OF APPEAL TO HOUSE OF LORDS APRIL 5 AGAINST THE DISMISSAL BY COURT OF APPEAL OF HIS APPLICATION TO QUASH DEPORTATION ORDER. HIS APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL TO LORDS WILL BE HEARD BY LORDS' APPEAL COMMITTEE. REPORTEDLY AT END OF MONTH OR EARLY IN MAY. HOUSE OF COMMONS FORMAL DEBATE HAS AGAIN BEEN POSTPONED SINCE CASE IS SUB JUDICE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL A, WE REFER TO LETTER SENT BY THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 2 TO AGEE'S ATTORNEY, LAURENCE GRANT, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS TAKEN FROM REFTEL B. THAT LETTER STATED IN PART THAT "THE CIVIL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO YOUR CLIENT'S CASE DO NOT APPEAR TO AFFORD A BASIS FOR THE EMBASSY AT THIS TIME TO INTERCEDE WITH THE UKG
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CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF THAT COUNTRY'S RIGHTS IN SEEKING TO TERMINATE MR. AGEE'S PRESENCE IN ITS TERRITORY." WE BELIEVE THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS APPLY IN THE CASE OF MR. HOSENBALL AND WE BELIEVE NOTHING HAS OCCURRED SINCE THAT WOULD JUSTIFY ANY CHANGES IN THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THAT LETTER. THE ARGUMENTS SET FORTH BY MESSRS. CLARK AND HOSENBALL ARE NOT NEW; THE HOME

OFFICE HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH FREE SPEECH AND DUE
PROCESS ARGUMENTS AND IT ALSO IS AWARE OF THE CIRCUM-
STANCES REGARDING HOSENBALL'S FIANCEE AND HER MOTHER.

3. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT UKG WOULD RESENT
USG TAKING THE ACTIONS PROPOSED BY MESSRS. CLARK AND
HOSENBALL. THERE IS NOTHING SUBSTANTIVELY NEW IN THEIR
REQUESTS THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN RAISED WITH UKG AND
ANSWERED DIRECTLY TO MESSRS. CLARK, HOSENBALL AND OTHERS
WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO ACT ON AGEE AND HOSENBALL'S BEHALF.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE A USG INTERVENTION WOULD BE REGARDED
BY MR. REES AS AN "ATTRACTIVE OPPORTUNITY" TO CHANGE HIS
MIND.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE WE WOULD RECOMMEND MAINTAINING
THE POSITION STATED IN THE MARCH 2 LETTER AND WOULD NOT
ADVISE EITHER OF THE COURSES OF ACTION SUGGESTED BY
MESSRS. CLARK AND HOSENBALL.

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